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**Modified CANDID B at
Tashkent Airframe Plant B Chkalov 84
USSR (TSR)**

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MODIFIED CANDID B AT TASHKENT AIRFRAME PLANT B CHKALOV 84, USSR (TSR)

1. (TSR) On [redacted] a modified CANDID B aircraft [redacted] was observed on an aircraft assembly apron adjacent to the western assembly building at Tashkent Airframe Plant B Chkalov 84 ([redacted] USSR (Figure 1). The modifications consisted of a cylindrical aft fuselage extension, [redacted] long and [redacted] in diameter, and two large blisters, one on each side of the fuselage just forward of and below the flight deck area. The [redacted] imagery provided the first sighting of a CANDID with both modifications.

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2. (TSR) The CANDID B with [redacted] was first observed at Tashkent Airfield [redacted] the test and flyaway field for the plant, on [redacted] and at the airframe plant on [redacted]. No modifications to the aircraft were observed on those dates.

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3. (TSR) The first observed modification to this aircraft was seen on [redacted] [redacted] when the fuselage blisters were identified. A CANDID with a tail extension was observed on [redacted] however, the poor interpretability of the imagery precluded identification of the bort number for that aircraft.

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4. (TSR) The latest confirmed identification of the modified CANDID B with [redacted] was made on [redacted] when the aircraft was observed at Tashkent Airfield.

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